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MR. BRISCOE KILLED BY THE CARS

Was in The Discharge of His R. Duties at Francis.

Mexico community was deeply saddened last Thursday morning to hear that Walter W. Briscoe of this city had been crushed to death between two passenger coaches while in the discharge of his regular duties as switchman on the C. & A. railroad at Francis, one mile east of Mexico. The coupling failed to work, it is said. But in the second "bump" connection was made and when the car rebounded it is supposed Mr. Briscoe was caught. His breast was crushed. Wm. Jordan first reached him, who found him dead.

The wife, Mrs. Gussie Briscoe, and two small children survive him. Mrs. Briscoe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Cannon of this city. The Cannon family came here from Lincoln county several years ago.

Walter Briscoe was the son of Ralph D. and Emily Elizabeth Briscoe. He was born Feb. 10, 1879, on the home farm in Ral's county, between New London and Frankford, in Pike county. Was married to Miss Gussie Cannon July 13, 1908. Two children were born to this union, Laverne and Bernadine, aged, respectively, 5 and 4 years. Besides these he leaves to mourn his loss four sisters and five brothers—Henry T. and Grover C., of St. Louis; Frank, of Moline, Ill.; George, of Detroit, Mich.; Charles, of Elsbury, Mo.; Mrs. Hattie Durrett, of St. Louis; Mrs. R. L. Mayes, of Elsherry; Mrs. H. J. Russell, of Newport, Neb.; Mrs. Clau; Barron, of Moline, Ill., and an aged grandmother, Mrs. Lucinda Henry; one aunt, Mrs. Ella Briscoe, of Frankford; one uncle, James Bowles, of New London, and other relatives and scores of friends.

Mr. Briscoe was converted and became a member of the Christian church in April, 1912, of which church he remained a faithful member until the time of his tragic and untimely death.

The funeral was held at the home Saturday morning, Revs. S. W. Hayne and W. A. Shullenberger conducting the service. The burial was with Masonic honors, of which order Mr. Briscoe was an honored member. To the stricken wife and the orphaned children the community extends deepest sympathy.

The Union Sunday school picnic held in Tratchell's Grove last Saturday, east of Benton City, proved a very enjoyable event. About 800 people were present.

W. H. Ritter and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ritter and daughter, Miss Lena, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lyman in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Considine of Thompson have returned to Elgin, Kan. Mr. Considine says they have great crops out there.

We are sorry to hear that our old friend J. W. Hancock at Laddonia is in poor health lately. Mr. Hancock used to be a prominent teacher, when he had his younger vitality.

Mrs. F. C. Shaw and small daughter, Neville, of Kansas City, are visiting Mrs. Shaw's parents in Mexico, Col. and Mrs. W. D. Fonville.

Some Views and Interviews

Richard Franklin: I'm out southwest of Benton City. My corn prospects have been good.

Creed Ray: The army worn, so called. I don't think he was the old army fellow we had 18 years ago; he was too particular in the victuals before him, he'd eat "dog fennel" but he'd skip other things. Well, he got about 10 acres of my corn. I replanted it and it's coming fine. It'll make corn if we can have the season.

Mark Givens: I farm near Littleby. My, this drought has been awful. But they say there is always a silver lining to the cloud. I hope the cloud will have plenty of water in it, too.

Herbert Cawthorn: I have charge of the telegraph office at Littleby. My father is P. R. Cawthorn, near Moline. My brother Frank used to sling lighting also, but he got down at that great and growing city, Tulsa, Okla., and he quit telegraphy and is now in the mercantile business. He's doing well too. I'm going down to see him in a few months.

Ed. Blaze: I'm out near Benton City. I ate dinner with the good people at Littleby Methodist church Sunday. The dinner was fine and wasn't that Children's Day program superb also.

Egbert Miller. I am with my father, J. T. Miller, near Benton City. I spent five years in California, coming home last fall. I like the Golden State. I'm going back again, too, some time.

Judge S. C. Groves: "Here's a proposition, Mr. Editor. No joke now. My fine Shire mare has another mare mule colt. This is the fourth one she has brought me, and now this is my proposition: Every year that she continues to bring me a mare mule colt I pay you one dollar for the Message, and if she ever fails and brings the other sex you are to furnish the paper to me free. It's a safe proposition. At least I hope to continue to get the mare mule colts and you can have your dollar."

J. W. Curry: I live out north-west of Thompson, near Centralia. The drought has cut us pretty keenly out our way.

F. M. Shoup: I spent six days fighting the army worms. Mr. Worm is somewhat of a fighter, too, but I put up a dry dirt breastworks against him. Millions of them lost their lives, and all at once the army deserted the field.

Misses Addie and Marie Fairchild, north of Benton City, are at home for vacation from the University of Pueblo, Colorado, where they have studied for the past two years. Miss Addie took her degree this year. She will teach English in Colorado next year.

Rev. Father Louis O. Adrian of Martinsburg celebrated his first Solemn Mass at St. Joseph's church in Martinsburg before a large audience one day last week. Father Adrian has three brothers, besides himself, who are priests.

W. L. Craddock and C. D. Rodgers of this city have bought a book and stationery store in Lincoln, Ill.

THREE HORSES ARE BURNED

G. E. Hill, the transfer line man, lost his barn by fire early last Friday morning and with it three of his horses perished. He also lost a quantity of hay and feed. He had \$1,000 insurance.

Mr. Hill thinks somebody had stolen his horses out and had used them—and perhaps a cigar was dropped. A fourth horse was found on a nearby street with a halter and bridle on.

Mr. Hill lost a second barn 15 months ago and two horses perished in that blaze.

MR. CORNER DEAD.

Former Audrain Man Dies in Washington State.

Ed. Kunkel of this city received the following telegram last Saturday:

"Brother John passed away at 11:45 last night from spinal meningitis, caused by infection from operation for abscess of ear. Buried at Fairmount cemetery here today. Services at St. Paul M. E. church. Relatives at Laddonia."

Myron Corner.

Mr. Corner was born in this county in the Wesley Chapel neighborhood. He was about 40 years old. He married Miss Snowey Griggs of this city. The wife and three children survive. He was the son of W. L. Corner, who died several years ago. The mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Corner, survives him, besides the following brothers: Myron A. Corner, of Wallace, Idaho, L. V. of Whitman county, Wash.; George, Department Sheriff, Colfax, Wash., and Ed. of Spokane. The Corner family went West a number of years ago. They were all a highly thought of people.

MRS. ENGLE DEAD.

Mrs. I. C. Engle, 47 years old, was stricken with paralysis Tuesday night of last week and Wednesday afternoon she died. The husband survives her besides the following children: Misses Ollie and Eva and Ray and Lloyd, all of this city; Irl of Glen Elder, Mo., and Elmer Engle of Colorado. Funeral service was held Saturday morning by Rev. W. A. Shullenberger.

Their First Communion.

The following young people made their profession of faith and took their first Holy Communion at St. Brenden's Catholic church last Sunday morning: Arthur Willard, Benjamin Fecht, William Sullivan, Francis Holtkamp, William Rodgers, Nanna Morris, Dorothy Willard, Alice McFarland, Esther Gulick, Agnes Georgie, Lucile Elizabeth Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Slavens of Laddonia have been visiting their four children in Mexico for a week past, Mrs. Roy Wayne, Mrs. Bert Ingram and J. B. and Lewis M. Slavens. The senior Slavens is Mayor of Laddonia, and we are told he makes a good official, too.

Morris Cash Grocery Co., with a capital of \$20,000, is to be incorporated in this city. Fred A. Morris will be president of the company.

Marion Fonville of this city is traveling with the Redpath Chautauqua Co. this summer. Marion is another Mexico boy who is making good.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT LITTLEBY

One of the Noted Sunday Schools of the State.

The Children's day program given at Littleby Methodist church last Sunday morning was the finest things of the kind we ever witnessed. The Message published the full program last week, except the exercises given in the afternoon. There was not a hitch nor a failure anywhere. We doubt if any school in the large cities could excel this effort. We shall not undertake mention of any of the numbers, sufficient to repeat the whole program was simply superb. Every child was at his best. A number of faithful mothers had the principal part of the training in hand, and nobody ever worked harder. The dinner, free to everybody, was superb also. The Message family was there and we tasted and saw.

Littleby Methodist Sunday School is one of the noted schools of the State. The collection last year on Children's day was \$26.30. That was ahead of any other school in the Conference north of the Missouri River. The collection last Sunday was \$27.03. Somebody will have something to do to beat that this year.

There are more young men and women in this school, for its enrollment, than any school we know. There are 30 young men and young women members of the choir. In one of the exercises given Sunday 50 young men and young women took part. There is fine talent in the school and all are earnest and desire to be useful. Such an institution in any neighborhood counts for uplift, high ideals and better morals.

The school was organized about 35 years ago. Wm. Frazier, now of Mexico, was the first superintendent. It has been an "evergreen" Sunday school for the past 18 years. J. R. Snook is the present superintendent. He and his helpers are building wisely, perhaps far better than they can now know. We congratulate them, and may God speed them.

BEREA ITEMS.

Mrs. W. W. Mundy is quite ill. Mrs. Lena Hall sold a cow and calf to Jimmie Dowell one day last week. There was no service at Berea Sunday, owing to Eld. Peters being called back to Macon to deliver a funeral discourse. Among those from any distance who attended Saturday were: Mrs. J. F. Sutton of near Paris, Mrs. Richmond Price and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Mexico, Jet Settle and family of near Rowena, and Mrs. Wm. Reed and daughter, Miss Anna Lee, of Strother.

Miss Myra Miller is spending the week with Miss Clara Crigler of Strother.

Mrs. Bob Heizer organized a class of the Royal Daughters one evening last week to meet at her home each Wednesday afternoon. She would be glad to have all the young ladies join them.

Mrs. Ed. Button of Omaha is suffering with inflammatory rheumatism at the home of her father, J. W. Rouse, of this city.

Dr. J. C. Parrish of Vandalia is visiting in Europe.

MRS. BOTTS DIES UNEXPECTEDLY

One of the County's Early Settlers Passes Away.

Mrs. Virginia Benson Botts, wife of the late Thomas A. Botts, died at her home in this city at four o'clock last Friday afternoon. Short funeral services were held at the home Sunday morning by Rev. A. A. Wallace. The body was then taken to Bethel church cemetery, north of Mexico, for burial, where Bro. Wallace held a further religious service. Mrs. Botts was a charter member of Bethel Presbyterian church, as was also her husband, in which neighborhood they lived many years.

Mrs. Botts was a native of Overton county, Tenn., born Nov. 6, 1834. She was married to Thomas Botts at Florida, Mo., at the age of 19 years. Her father died of the cholera back in the '40's. Mrs. Botts and her husband made the mother a visit in Tennessee shortly after their marriage. They made the trip by stage and boat.

Returning to Missouri they settled on the farm north of Mexico now owned by their son, T. C. Botts.

During the Civil War Mr. Botts was made a prisoner by the Federal militia. He was in prison at Alton and then taken to Harper's Ferry. Later he was banished to the Confederate lines where he remained till the war was closed. Mrs. Botts did not hear from him for nearly three years. She had the lone care of five small children all this time.

A slave boy set fire to their home, which destroyed it; another calamity that she met.

The husband died 22 years ago and 12 years later Mrs. Botts moved to Mexico. She had been in frail health for a long time, but her death last week was unexpected. The following children survive her: Mrs. Theodore Cawthorn, T. C. Botts, Judge W. W. Botts, Mrs. C. C. Creigh, Ashby Botts and Misses Lida, Carrie and Benson Botts. To these, who mourn the passing of their best friend on earth, we extend our deepest sympathy.

MRS. CONNOR DEAD.

Mrs. Polly Connor, wife of the late Matthew Connor, died at her home in this city last Saturday morning after a long illness. She was 42 years old and was born at Springfield, Ill. The family came to Mexico 15 years ago. Mr. Connor died some years ago. He was a tie inspector for the Alton. Six children were born to them. There were two sets of twins. The children surviving are: Misses Dolores, Madge and Tina Cecilia, all living at home. Mrs. Connor was a member of the Catholic church. The burial was at Fulton, by the side of her husband, Father J. J. Dillon of this city conducting religious service.

Miss Margaret Wright, a member of the McMillan Teachers' Training Class this last year, will teach at Macedonia next fall and winter, getting \$50 a month.

Mexico Savings Bank
Capital Stock, \$150,000.00
43rd Year in Business.
W. W. FRY, President.
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.

MELVIN WEBB FOUND GUILTY

Charge of Felonious Assault Is Sustained.

The case of the State vs. Melvin Webb, charged with felonious assault upon Prof. D. E. Tugel, superintendent of the Vandalia schools, occupied about two days of the Circuit Court in Mexico last week. The jury found Webb guilty, all 12 of the men being unanimous in their



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decision and his fine was fixed at \$200.

Tugel slapped Webb's boy for insubordination at school and Webb met Tugel on the street and knocked him down and beat him up so that he was confined at home a week, it is said.

Webb has filed a motion for a rehearing of the case.

HIGH HILL DISTRICT.

Still very dry. Harvesting oats is the order of the day in our neighborhood. Some are cutting with binder, some one way and some another, but they feel they must save the oats some way if possible.

C. T. Sellers has a new binder. W. D. Puls and family was out at his father's, B. F. Puls, a few days last week helping him harvest his oats. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Spencer attended church at Salt River Sunday a week ago and entertained the following persons for dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilnot and children, Geo. Freeman and family, Mrs. W. D. Puls and children and Bazel Smith. Marie Sims and sister, Sarah, attended Children's day at Hopewell church Sunday week. They report a good time and lots of good dinner. Mrs. Fowler and daughter visited at B. F. Puls' Sunday. C. E. Sellers bought three head of cattle of Phillip Dalby for \$110. Elmer Shock and family attended church at Centralia Sunday. Elmer Puls and family were at B. F. Puls' again Saturday picking cherries. C. E. Sellers on his way to Centralia the other day stopped to see Brish Daniel. While there an auto passed and frightened his horse, making it brake loose and run away with buggy. However, no serious damage was done. Mrs. L. L. Spencer and Mrs. Oscar Spencer and their children visited at B. F. Puls' Friday. Olan Barnes is still confined to his bed with his broken limb, but is doing nicely.

Geo. Spencer, son of L. L. Spencer and wife, got his arm broken last week by a folding bed falling on it.

C. E. Sellers bought some shoats last week at 7 cents per pound.